(b) Credit Information Bureau (India) Limited is maintaining a database on suit-filed accounts of Rs. 1 Crore and above non suit-filed accounts (wilful defaulters) of Rs. 25 Lacs and above. The information can be accessed at CIBIL website *www.cibil.com.Jhe* information is based on an application developed to enable the users to access data through a parameterised search process across banks and companies at various geographical locations. As reported by Debts Recovery Tribunals (DRTs), upto 31.03.2005, a total of more than 82,000 cases were filed in various DRTs involving an amount of Rs. 1,70,800 crore. Out of these, 52,968 cases have been disposed off and an amount of Rs. 16,905 crore has been recovered.

(c) and (d) The total amount recovered by the public sector banks during the year 2002-03,2003-04 and 2004-05 is Rs. 18,730 crore, Rs. 20,705 crore and Rs. 20,519 crore respectively, which includes actual recovery, recovery through upgradation and amount of compromise/write-offs.

Recovery of due amount of taxes

†2156. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due amount of total taxes was Rs. 99,698 crore by the end of year 2004-2005;

(b) if not, what is the actual amount;

(c) whether it is also a fact that out of this due amount Rs. 7,083 crore had been recovered by a Task Force constituted in August, 2004;

(d) if not, the quantum of this amount and the total amount written-off during the above year; and

(e) whether in view of this, the present system of tax recovery needs an improvement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 98,612 crores was outstanding as arrears of direct taxes at the end of financial year 2004-05.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) An amount of Rs. 7,083 crore was collected during financial year 2004-05 out of the arrears of direct taxes. The Task Force on recovery of direct tax arrears coordinated, monitored, and facilitated the efforts of the Income Tax Department towards making such recovery of arrears. An amount of Rs. 20,098 crore was further liquidated from the arrears by way of reduction in appeals, revision, rectification etc., during financial year 2004-05.

(e) The Government is at present considering no significant change in the legislative and administrative framework for recovery of direct taxes.

Measurement of development outcomes of Programmes

2157. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up a mechanism which would be put in place to measure the development outcomes of all major programmes;

(b) whether any concrete programme of action plan has been prepared by Government;

(c) if so, whether during the first year focus would be on the outcome of plan schemes;

(d) whether Government have felt the need to improve quality of implementation and enhance efficiency as well as accountability of delivery mechanism; and

(e) if so, to what extent these proposals will be helpful in improving implementation of the major programmes that have been undertaken by the Government in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms have been created at various levels at Centre and State as part of the programme guidelines. Programme Evaluation Organisation of Planning Commission carries out evaluation of selected programmes under implementation to assess their impact; the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation also monitors large central projects. A Programme Outcome & Response Monitoring Division has